They Were Cancelled, and What Offense He Can Be Held On Is Puzzling the Authorities-He Was an Awful Crank on Stamp Collecting-He Will Be Tried on

George Roth, a letter-carrier connected with the General Post Office, was arrested at To'clock this morning charged with stealing cancelled stamps from letters mailed in foreign lands.

Policeman O'Connor made the arrest and locked him up in the City Hall Police Station. Post-Office Inspector George P. Stewart made the complaint. United States Commissioner Shields was in a quandary as to what charge the fellow could be held on.

It is the first case of the kind on record. Roth received his appointment as lettercarrier five months ago. He is a crazy looking German, undersized and swarthy, and is about twenty-nine years old. For four weeks past numbers of letters from foreign countries have been found in the misboxed department without any stamps on them.

Many complaints have also been received of letters expected but not received. of letters expected but not received.

Ten days ago Inspector Stewart was detailed to discover the thief. He went to work in the letter-carriers department. He suspected Roth the first moment he saw him, and thereafter gave him his whole attention. The suspected man's movements puzzle i the Inspector. His own route was always carefully and faithfully delivered.

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The Inspector noticed, though, that before starting out on his daily tour Roth would dive into the boxes of other carriers adjacent to his and sort over the letters. He noticed him watch his chance and shove something into

watch his chance and shove something into his pocket nearly every time.

The Inspector was positive that it was not letters, and for a long time he could not make up his mind what it was. Then it dawned on him that Roth was one of that class of cranks called "stamp collectors." He determined then to have him arrested, and did so, as stated this morning.

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When searched at the police station nearly two hundred stamps were found in Roth's uniform bocket. They were mostly rare foreign stamps.

He confessed to stealing them, but said he did not think he was committing a crime, as the stamps he took were all cancelled. He vehemently asserted that he never stole a letter or anything but the stamps. These he would neatly shave off the envelopes with a thin, sharp knife blade.

Roth was taken before Commissioner Shields and Assistant District-Attorney Rose, where, at the suggestion of the Commissioner, he waived examination.

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Bail was fixed at \$250, which was furnished by Adolph Lowenthal, who keeps a restau-rant at 41 Delancey street. The Assistant District-Attorney advised Roth, when he should be tried, to ask the Court to impose a fine, as the matter was not of sufficient importance for imprisonment, no ill effects having resulted from his small

Mr. Lowenthal was ordered to produce Roth on Jan. 9 next, the day fixed for his trial. After a few moments' conversation with his friends, Roth begged for the appoint-

ment of some other day, as the 9th was the day set for his wedding.

His betrothed, Rosie Rodgesska, a darkeyed Jewess, bent her head anxiously towards the Commissioner, vainly endeavoring to suppress the tears, as she awaited Mr. Shielda's reply.
On learning that the time of the wedding was set at 5 o clock on that day, the Commissioner reassured them that the trial would in no

sioner reassured them that the trial would occupy but a few moments, and would in no way interfere with the ceremony.

"But, sir," said Roth, swallowing a sob.

"R's not a pleasant thought to be married one day and locked up the next."

He was informed that there was no likelihood of such an event, and temporary happiness once more reigned.

In a few remarks made to Roth, Mr. Rose informed him that his offense was not a seri-

informed him that his offense was not a serious one, the only thing being the delays likely to occur from the absence of the stamps and the temptations which might arise from handling letters containing money. Roth feels his position keenly, and seems greatly east down by the position in which he finds himself placed.

He has been in the postal service but five

months, having been appointed under the Eight-Hour law.
He boards at 42 Clinton street, both his parents being dead.

MINSTREL FRANCIS'S STABBING.

His Ante-Mortem Statement to Be Taken Three Arrests Made.

Coroner Levy was summoned to Bellevue Hospital to-day to take the ante-mortem statement of Louis Francis, the colored musi cian of 196 Greene street, who was stabbed in the abdomen late last night in front of Casey's liquor store, corner of Grand and Thompson streets.
At the time the row occurred a number of

At the time the row occurred a number of colored men were in the saloon. Francis came in to quench his thirst. He was immediately spied by William Scott, alias Al Peterson, another colored man, who at opce, began to abuse him. He was seconded by Charles Garner, of 87 Sullivan street, and a bootblack named Samuel Schwartz, who lives at 181 South Fifth avenue.

They quarrelled for a while when suddenly Schwartz drew a populatic which he handed

They quarrelled for a while when suddenly Schwartz drew a a penknite which he handed to Garner. The latter then approached Francis and plunged the long blade into his abdomen. Then he made his escape followed by his two companions.

Officers O'Brien and Hackett to-day arrested Scott, Garner and Schwartz. They were arraigned in the Jefferson Market Police Court and remanded to await the result of the injuries inflicted on Francis.

Ah, Yes! It Was the Pills. Among the dozens of delinquents at Essen

Market this morning, was Emma Wright, a tall, angular woman, against whom a charge of intoxication had been preferred.
"Fil tell you how it was," she murmures

softly. "You see, Judge, I was out with a party of friends and drank two glasses of soda water and a glass of beer."

"That wouldn't make you drunk," observed Justice Gorman.

"I know it, Your Honor." replied the woman. "but when I was a going home I took half a dozen pills. That's what did it."

"You're fined \$10 all the same, replied the Court.

AN ACTRESS'S POCKETBOOK.

Kitty Coleman Was Rebbed of Hers Sixth Avenue, but Gets It Back. Kitty Coleman, the variety actress, was in

the Jefferson Market Police Court this morning as complainant against James Musgrave, a fourteen-year-old street arab. for stealing her pocketbook. Miss Coleman is a pretty brunette and about wenty years Her plump figure was set off by a neatfitting suit of dark material.

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Miss Coleman said that she was walking through Sixth avenue last evening on her way home when the boy stopped her and knocked her pocketbook, which contained a small amount of money, from her hind. He then picked it up and was running away when Park Policeman Herrlich came to her rescue, and after chasing the boy qutie a distance caught him.

The boy is poorly clad, and when Judge Ford asked him what he had to say he said:

The pocketbook was returned to the young song and dance artist, and the boy was in \$500 bail for trial.

The Day in Wall Street.

The preliminary agreement just reached by the Western railroad managers has caused a greatly improved feeling in stock circles and to-day speculation was strong to buoyant. Omaha preferred broke 4 points, to 9516, on the reduction of the dividend, but quickly rallied to ps of the dividend, but quickly rallied to 98. There was good buying of stocks for both the long and short accounts.

All the reads have agreed to restore rates on Jan. 1, and the Presidents hold themseves personally responsible for the action of their subordinates. Thirty days notice must be given by any read desiring to withdraw from the compact. In the mean time the Presidents, with the assistance of leading bankers, will bend their energies towards getting up some new plan that will permanently restore rates.

The banks lose \$2,297,600 in surplus reserve, which now stands at \$7,374,625. The following are the comparative figures:

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Enthusing Under Difficulties.

[From the Philadelphia Record.] Mrs. Winks-What's the matter with your husband, Mrs. Jinks? I hear he is sick, Mrs. Jinks-Brain fever. My husband is an editor, and while he was writing his Thanksgiving editorial tifteen storekeepers called with their bills. The strain was too

A bright-looking and well-dressed woman of about thirty-five years was arraigned in Jefferson Market Court this morning, and Detective Kenny, of the Thirty-ninth street police station, who made the arrest, told Judge Ford the following story :

way of O'Neill's big Sixth avenue store about 8 o'clock last evening, when the woman passed him and seemed to be in a hurry to get out of sight. He followed her and saw her stop and linger for a moment at several counters and then pass on. A few minutes later she left and burried down the avenue.

Kenny's suspicions were aroused by the mysterious movements of the woman, and he followed her. She stopped in several places on the way down, until she reached Bedell's, She entered this place and walked around, stopping at the leather-goods counter and the

continue on down towards Macy's, but the officer tapped her on the shoulder and placed her under arrest.
She was taken to the West Thirtieth street

station-house. She refused to give any name or address and denounced her arrest as an

mustake.

mistake.

The woman's pocket was cut loose on one side, allowing a space large enough for the introduction of a good sized package. Upon further investigation, a canvas shop-lifter's bag was brought to light. It had been fastened about her waist by a string.

The bag was full, and on opening it they brought to light a curious assortment of stuff. First there were five pocketbooks, three old ones and two new, a pair of gloves and a pair of red Jersey undervests. The undervests would fit a skeleton while the woman was fully 160 pounds in weight. Two

undervests would fit a skeleton while the woman was fully 160 pounds in weight. Two pair of men's stockings and several pieces of cheap jewelry comprised the find.

The police tried to get the woman's name and address, but she persisted in declaring that she was an honest woman. She became hysterical and when the Sergeant threatened to send her to Bellevie she braced up and went into a cell without any further demonstration. When begged by the officers to give some name, so that an en'ry might be made in the biotter, she gave the name of Sarah Sheldon and claimed to be a widow.

In one of the pocketbooks the police found \$254 in bills and some private papers, which, however, shed no light on her identity.

In Court the woman's lawyer denied that his client had stolen anything and asked that her pocketbook, containing \$254, be returned.

the case to ascerain if passible who the mys-terious woman really is. The police claim that her picture is in the Rogues' Galiery, but do not show it to substantiate their their

sporting paper containing a picture which looks a little like the prisoner, but there is no name or record of any kind attached to it, so that the picture is of little or no use.

Their Quarters Surrounded by Police and Fourteen of Them Captured. A wholesale raid was made by the Elizabeth police late last night on a gang of petty

the city.

Four of the gang entered a house and de

Prominent at the Gilsey Honse are W. R. Walker, of Chicago; D. Trevor Lewis, of Pittsburg; Dr. J. C. Willson, of Flint, Mich., and W. H. Vanderburgh, of Minnesota.

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A SHOPLIFTER'S HARVEST.

SPOIL BY THE SACKFUL FOUND ON A CLEVER YOUNG WOMAN.

She Was Working the Big Sixth Avenue Stores in Succession and Was Detected at O'Neill's-Pocketbooks, Jewelry and All Sorts of Goods Went Into Her Bag -Her Identity a Mystery.

The detective was standing maide the door-

jewelry showcase.
When she left the store she was about to

outrage.
The police then searched her clothing, and they there found that they had made no

her pocketbook, containing \$254, be returned. Judge Ford denied the request and held her in \$300 bail for examination. Inspector Byrnes has put one of his men on

Detective Kenny has a clipping from

A BOLD GANG BROKEN UP.

thieves and tramps, who took possession of an Italian lodging-house in the outskirts of

rour of the gang entered a nouse and de-manded money, but were put to flight by a plucky woman with a revolver. Later the police surrounded the place where the crowd was quartered, and after an exciting tussle captured fourteen. They were all sentenced this morning to three months in jail.

William Zeio, a despondent German, hung himself at his home, 201 Stagg street, last even-Coroner Lindsay will hold an inquest over the body of Maggie Brown, who died at her home, 10 Ash street, yesterday. Her friends think she committed suicide. it to the deserving Francis Byan, a promising young architect of Brooklyn, was reized with a hemorrhage in his office in the Gartichl Building and died before medical aid could be rendered.

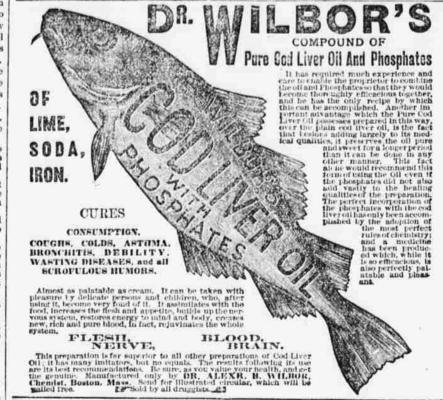
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Brooklyn News in Brief.

Perils of Chance Acquaintance.

John O'Connor, of 227 Madison street, flirted with Miss Kate Miller on Park row, and asked her to partake of refreshments at his expense.

her to partiate of refreshments at his expense. She was only too happy, and a considerable quantity of amber fluid was disposed of by the couple. O'Cennor suddenly discovered that his pockethook was missing, and necused his companion of having stolen it. Her denial brought curses from his lips, and in his anger he knocked the woman down and kicked her. At Essex Market this morning Justice German held O'Cennor for trial.

When baby was sick, we gave her Castoria,

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CHRISTMAS. CORRECT THING

Broadway and 8th St., N. Y.

A Wild Steer Running Loose in the Eastern An escaped steer from some Eastern District abattoir caused no end of excitement on Johnson avenue and McKibbin street last night. He ran through a number of streets pursued by a large crowd of men and boys. At the corner of Seigel and Ewen streets he knocked down John Yeung, of 79 McKib-

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medical aid could be rendered.

Henry Shay, an employee in the Ironclad Stamping Works, at 199 Cook street, had his left foot badly mangled by getting it caught between an elevator and the floor.

The dead body of Mrs. Grace Schwartz, who disappeared from her home, 200 Bockaway avenue. Thesday, was found last night in Greendale, Queens County. Death was due, it is believed, to exposure.

Frederic Hopke, of 1196 Atlaftic avenue, and Henry Karcher, of 1872 Fulton street, were this morning held to answer a charge of selling liquor to a minor. Dennis Irwin, of 1149 Bergen street, is the complainant. Last Sunday morning his Lenyent-old son was found in a heipless state of intoxication in a vacant lot on Atlantic avenue. CLEARING-OUT SALE OF LADIES', MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S CLOAKS, all of this assam's styles, at 50 cents on the dollar, to make room for the Sp' ing Goods, now to be started after the holidays. Tale of umbug, but dead earnest. Come at MAX WOLFF & CO.'S SALESROOMS, 204 EAST BROADWAY.

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